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DEAR FCC COMMISSION,

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I am writting this statement to express my feelings concerning the new RM-8218 proposal regarding the Digital Rules on High Frequency which has been filed by the American Radio Relay League (ARRL). This proposal has been ask to be accepted by the ARRL before when they filed the very unpopular RM-7248 and the uproar caused from the major Digital Community maded the ARRL disregard the proposal that it filed. The issue was later brought up again concerning the Fully Automatic and assigning Subbands to these Digital Modes that will be affected by it by a Survey for Automatic Unattended Operation that was put out from ARRL to found out how the Digital World on HF really felt about Fully Automatic Operations and Subbands being assigned to these stations. What was the true results after all of the survey returns? The Results was stated that the main votes were against this Automatic unattended operation and Subbands.

In the following weeks that had follow the Survey, the Rtty Journal had a issue that the Digital Committee interprets a strong vote in favor of Automatic Message handling, Provided it can be a good neighbor. Funny,we were told the results were against it? We been told that the STA Representatives didn't have enough time to reply to the Survey. I certainly had enough time to reply. Seems the STA folks need alot of time to reply to anything since nobody has even seen or read any results concerning the Fully Automatic operations that they are allowed to do with Packet on Hf. The ARRL has been asking for extended operations for a few years now to allow these station to use it on Hf modes but never seeing any true results from it. How good is Packet on Hf?

Packet on Hf seems to have alot of down falls which the ARRL and the STA folks want us to keep over looking each time they raise this issue. I have used the Packet mode myself on Hf and was very disappointed with the results. Long delays and many repeats caused by band conditions and QRM. I have had only two very good contacts on HF Packet and

be the same as the way it is now since ARRL expects the rest of the world to follow and stay into the Subbands like us. Messages will stop or slow down quite alot with the QRM that is caused.

3. Has the ARRL really thought these question though or are they trying to pass the Ditigal modes into a real mess without thinking it out? I don't think the ARRL even has been listening to their own Digital Committee on